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TUNNELER AND METHODS FOR USING  
THE SAME

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 & 1.115**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2006, Applicant requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.